GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1411
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2001
IRREGULARITIES IN DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO NGOS
AJAY CHAKRABORTY

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `NGO`s letter to the PM complaints of corruption - Tribal welfare begins with a cut` appearing in `The Times of India` dated October 22. 2001 regarding corruption prevailingin the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and reaction of the Government to the alleged corruption ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs sections projects and releases grants to Non-GovernmentOrganizations, subject to fulfillment of requirements for release of grants like submission of application. Slate Government`s Inspection Report, Audited Accounts etc. Shri M.K. Pradhan. worked as Minister`s Personal Staff from 1.11.99 to December, 2000. During hisperiod of service with Minister no complaints regarding his indulgence into any corrupt practice had been received in the Ministry. Further, the Servants of India Society, Koraput have confirmed in writing suo moto that allegations involving them are totally baseless and untrue. No private person has been authorized to inspect any NGO run project and submitreport. However, the BJP President, Koraput had brought to the notice of the Minister about misappropriation of funds released to the organization `Nyaya Sahayak Samiti, Koraput` and demanded for inquiry.